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BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES.

In future all notices of Births, Deaths, and Mar-

riages, in the **British Colonist**, in this paper must

be pre-paid at the following rates: For Births and

MARRIAGES, \$1 50; for Deaths, \$1, with funeral notices

\$1 50.

CONSTITUTIONAL DIFFICULTIES.

The brief announcement, which we gave yesterday in reference to the constitutional

difficulty in the Australian colony of Victoria

scarcely did justice to the importance of the

subject. Two branches of a responsible

Government are at loggerheads with each

other. The Assembly, as we have previously

shown, passed a tariff bill, which the Upper

House rejected. The Lower House then

tacked the measure on to the bill of supply,

which was also rejected. Here was a dilemma

for a constitutional Government. The offi-

cial salaries were unpaid, the contractors for

public works were clamoring for money; but

the Treasury was empty, and the Ministry could

collect no taxes. The Assembly, however,

were determined not to be balked; they ap-

plied to the various banks for assistance, and

after having met with several refusals at

last succeeded in negotiating a loan with the

London and Chartered Bank. In order that

there should be no objection on the ground

of security, the Government allowed itself to

be sued for the amount, confessed judgment,

and so arranged a little legal fiction to place

the bank beyond danger. So far this was a

triumph for the Ministry; for it virtually

bound the country to pay whatever liabilities

it chose to incur without the assistance of

the Upper House. It did not stop here, how-

ever; the tariff bill which the Legislative

Council threw out, the Government acted

upon and collected duties on the articles

enumerated in the measure. Of course, cap-

tains of vessels, consignees and importers

generally protested, but it was of no avail.

The Government had the physical force at its

back, and the customs receipts were collected

as punctually as if the tariff measure had

really become law. Actions were carried into

the Supreme Court; but the Ministry laughed

at the decision, and continued to enforce the

tariff. In this position of affairs the Legislative

Council petitioned Her Majesty for relief,

describing the unconstitutional methods

adopted by the Lower House. The Assembly

were not slow to follow suit. They also had

a grievance to make out, and they called

upon Her Majesty to take steps to modify a

constitution, which allowed a body in whom

the public had no confidence to checkmate the

legitimate demands of the people of the

colony. Meetings were called throughout

the country to show that the Ministry were

really carrying out the wishes of the colo-

nists. Everywhere almost the Government

were endorsed, and the Upper House

came in for a storm of popular indignation.

We could not expect it otherwise. The Legi-

slative Council of the Colony of Victoria is

essentially an obstructive body. Composed

almost exclusively of "squatters," who have

for years interposed their speculative and

aggrandizing propensities between the colony

and its settlement—who have rejected every

liberal land scheme, and shown themselves

unmistakable enemies to the public weal, it

was only natural that any Government acting

against them would receive the public support.

It was not merely the question whether

the colony should have a certain tariff or

not, but whether the real representatives of

the people should be ridden over rough-shod,

by men who had no higher claims to public

confidence than being speculators in the

public land, and valuing sheep at a much

higher price than men.

What Mr. Cardwell will do in answer to

the respective petitioners it would be difficult

to say; but we think he will side with the

popular branch. We think he will be care-

ful of running counter to the wishes of the

people of the colony. The crisis is in-

teresting to us as indeed it is to every Briti-

sh dependency. For with the very defec-

tive constitutions which govern the various

colonies, there may be produced at any time

serious conflicts between the respective

branches of Government. With an elective

Upper House, especially as is generally the

case where it is allowed an existence of

seven or ten years, it is impossible to provide

any safety-valve for that undue pressure

caused by a collision. In England, of course

the Lower House can in an emergency, and

in conjunction with the Crown, carry its mea-

sures through the Lords by creating the

necessary number of peers to form a majority;

and if it is necessary to coerce the Crown it

can refuse to vote the Mutiny bill and thus

bring the whole paraphernalia of govern-

ment to a stand-still. But in Colonies with

elective Legislative Councils the thing is re-

versed, and the Assembly, as in the case of

the Australian imbroglio, has no power, with

or without the Governor, to add a single mem-

ber to the Upper House. The whole affair,

from beginning to end, only shows the

folly of copying, and that imperfectly,

the institutions of Great Britain. There can

be no House of Lords in the colonies; but

the next best thing, or it may be the next

worst thing, is a Council of men who are

just as irresponsible, but whose position can

be in no way affected by the other branches

of Government. There is not, nor has there

ever been, the slightest necessity for two

Houses of Legislature in any of the colonies.

The old superstitious idea of having one

House check upon the other is simply

putting on the drap while ascending the hill.

If it were to assist legislation, instead of as

is too often the case, to retard it, the objec-

tion to a second House might not have much

weight; but experience shows that the re-

tarding function is the one most frequently

used, and that the evils of a comparatively

irresponsible Upper House outweigh a thou-

sand times the advantages.

P. M. BACKUS,

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Island Hops!

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LITTLE AND INDIGESTION, SICK HEADACHE, FLAULENCE, HEADACHE, and all BILIOUS and LIVER AFFECTIONS are speedily removed the use of

COCKLE'S ANTIBILIOUS AND FAMILY APERTIVE PILLS.

These have now been held in the highest estimation on all classes of society for upwards of sixty years.

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There is one thing more than another which is to be done for mothers and daughters. If they are afflicted with stone or gravel, or with aches and pains, then, take the pills every night, and cure suspended erections. Universally adopted, these pills every night, eat plenty of solids, and avoid the use of slops. If these golden pills are taken, the brain will not, never weaken the system, and body, and forget you have any nerves.

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These pills are so famous, as their name proclaims, that they are used for all diseases, from all impurities, and removing dangerous, and curing suspended erections. Universally adopted, these pills every night, eat plenty of solids, and avoid the use of slops. If these golden pills are taken, the brain will not, never weaken the system, and body, and forget you have any nerves.

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Stomach and Order.

There is one thing more than another which is to be done for stomach and order. If they reach the liver, and reduce it to nothing, then, take the pills every night, and cure suspended erections. Universally adopted, these pills every night, eat plenty of solids, and avoid the use of slops. If these golden pills are taken, the brain will not, never weaken the system, and body, and forget you have any nerves.

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